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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: TSB REVIEW OF EC BILATERALS

GENEVA FOR PHELAN

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STRONGLY CAUTIONED EC TEXTILE OFFICIALS AGAINST ATTEMPT TO
EXTEND COVERAGE OF THEIR BILATERALS BEYOND THE PROVISIONS
OF MFA ART 12. WE EXPRESSED SIMILAR CONCERN TO EC REPS IN
COURSE RECENT BILATERAL AND TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN SAN
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2. WE INTEND TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH EC OFFICIALS AT WHICH TIME WE INTEND TO INFORM THEM THAT, IN EVENT EC BILATERALS ARE NOTIFIED TO TSB STILL CONTAINING NON-MFA TEXTILE ITEMS, US TSB REP IS INSTRUCTED TO ARGUE THAT INCLUSION SUCH ITEMS IS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH MFA AND TO ELIMINATION SUCH COVERAGE. US TSB REP THUS MAY BE FORCED TO ARGUE THAT PROTOCOL DID NOT ENVISAGE DEPARTURE, "REASONABLE" OR OTHERWISE, FROM PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 12. ONCE THE QUESTION OF "REASONABLE DEPARTURES" IS RAISED IN TSB, IT WILL BE MOST DIFFICULT TO CONTAIN, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS OF EC BILATERALS.

3. WHILE US IS PREPARED TO DEFEND "CONSENTING ADULTS" THEORY, AND MAY DECIDE TO ARGUE THAT EC'S BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROTOCOL, WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT EXTEND THIS SUPPORT TO EC'S "EXPANDED COVERAGE". TO DO SO WOULD OBVIOUSLY VITIATE US CREDIBILITY WITH OTHER MFA PARTICIPANTS AND RENDER MEANINGLESS SUCH OTHER SUPPORT AS USG MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. VANCE

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